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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Henry W.H. Tsai

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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 March 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: "100" (at page 7, line 8); and "COPI" (at page 10, line 8). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because:
at page 8, line 5, LSB has not been defined. It is suggested to change "LSB" to -least significant bits (LSBs)-; and

Figure 5 is not mentioned and described in the section of "Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments of The Invention" inside the specification. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 3-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In claim 3, "the main processor instructions are m-bits and the coprocessor instructions are m+n bits, the n-bits being stored in the coprocessor program memory" was not described in the specification. Note the entire coprocessor instruction width is (m-c)+n bits as mentioned at page 9, line 19. Similar problems exist in the other claim 10.

In claim 4, "said m-bits of said main processor instruction are fetched from the main program memory by the main processor and sent to the coprocessor" was not described in the specification. Note only (m-c) bits are sent to the coprocessor. Similar problems exist in the other claims 6, and 8.

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In claim 9, "each of the main processor instructions and each of the coprocessor instructions are fetched from a common program address generated by the main processor" was not described in the specification. The "a common program address" used by both the main processor and coprocessor was not described in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,532,530), the closest reference, and the other cited prior art, do not teach or fairly suggest: a main program memory storing a first portion of coprocessor instructions; and wherein the second portion of coprocessor instructions are fetched directly from the coprocessor program memory in combination with the other limitations in claim 1.

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Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure, such as Kim et al.'530 and Kim et al.'238 also disclose the program memory storing the instructions of main processor and coprocessor; Tubbs et al.'071 also discloses the program memory used by the coprocessor; Tokume'102 and Anderson et al.'250 also disclose the system comprising the coprocessor having instruction decoder inside the coprocessor; and WO'809 also discloses, as claimed, a system having a main (program) memory, instruction buffer, and the coprocessor comprising its program memory and sharing RAM with main processor.

Contact Information

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Henry Tsai whose telephone number is (703) 308-7600. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner supervisor, Eddie Chan, can be reached on (703) 305-9712. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to


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the TC 2100 receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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HENRY W. H. TSAI
PRIMARY EXAMINER

March 20, 2004